

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1. (Currently Amended) Wastewater treatment apparatus comprising ~~at least one~~ two pre-tanks and a reactor tank between which a transfer connection is provided to enable wastewater to be transferred from ~~the said at least one~~ each pre-tank to the reactor tank, and in which the reactor tank is provided with a biomass and aeration equipment to enable the wastewater to be treated in the reactor tank, ~~wherein the capacity of the said at least one pre-tank enables it to retain the storm flow for a sufficient period of time and~~ wherein ~~the said at least one~~ of said pre-tanks is provided with a storm overflow, whereby even in storm conditions the reactor tank remains effective and settled solids from the storm flow in ~~the said at least one~~ pre-tanks are transferred at intervals to the reactor tank, and in the event of persistence of the storm conditions, excess wastewater is released via the storm overflow without interrupting operation of the reactor tank, characterized in that said two pre-tanks are provided with respective inlets, each with its own shut off valve, and respective outlets, each with its own shut off valve.

2. (Currently Amended) Wastewater treatment apparatus according to claim 1, wherein ~~the each~~ the ~~said at least one~~ pre-tank is provided with a stirrer.

3. (Currently Amended) Wastewater treatment apparatus according to claim 1, wherein aeration equipment is provided in ~~the each~~ the ~~said at least one~~ pre-tank.

4. (Currently Amended) Wastewater treatment apparatus according to claim 2, wherein aeration equipment is provided in ~~the said~~ the ~~at least one~~ pre-tank.

5. (Currently Amended) Wastewater treatment apparatus according to claim 2, wherein ~~the said at least one~~ the pre-tank is provided with a level sensor to switch-off the stirrer once the level of the wastewater in that tank rises above a predetermined level.

6. (Currently Amended) Wastewater treatment apparatus according to claim 3, wherein ~~the said~~ at least one pre-tank is provided with a level sensor to switch-off the aeration equipment once the level of the wastewater in that tank rises above a predetermined level.

7. (Currently Amended) Wastewater treatment apparatus according to claim 4, wherein ~~the said~~ at least one pre-tank is provided with a level sensor to switch-off the stirrer and the aeration equipment once the level of the wastewater in that tank rises above a predetermined level.

8. (Currently Amended) Wastewater treatment apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the position at which the transfer connection opens into ~~the said~~ at least one pre-tank is provided with a cover to reduce the turbulence of fluid within that tank, so that it is not unduly unsettled in storm conditions, when transfer takes place.

9. (Original) Wastewater treatment apparatus according to claim 8, wherein the cover comprises a plate.

10. (Original) Wastewater treatment apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the storm overflow comprises a weir.

11. (Cancelled)

12. (Cancelled)

13. (Cancelled)